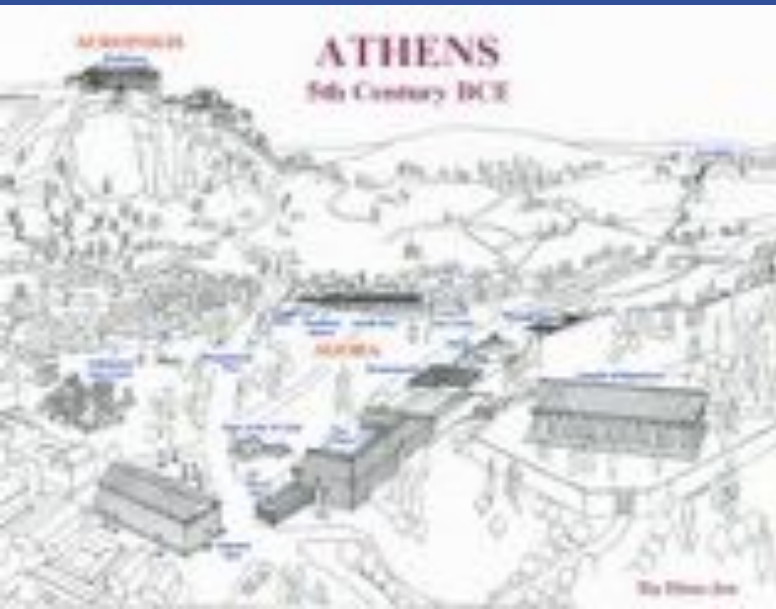


CLASSICAL GREECE

3.7 THE EMPIRE OF ATHENS



Athens Builds an Empire

- After the Greeks repulsed the mighty Persian invasion in 480-479 BCE they took a small piece of land along the coast of Asia Minor

Athens Builds an Empire

- Greeks discussed permanent alliances because they expected Persia to attack again in an attempt to recover their lost land
- Sparta refused to participate in affairs outside the Peloponnese



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- Athens would provide all of the officials and commanders of the League, and swore not to interfere in the internal affairs of its allies
- All of the meetings and the treasury were held at the great sanctuary of Apollo on the island of Delos







Treasury at Delos

Most Holy place in all of Greece
Pythia

Athens Builds an Empire

- This league was originally a volunteer association but this soon became a forced union
- Even when the threat of the Persians receded the Pericles (lead the League, from Athens) forced that all city states enlisted still pay their share

Athens Builds an Empire

- The League's treasury was then moved from Delos to Athens
- This was taken as final proof that the League had now become an empire controlled by Athens

A marble bust of the Greek statesman Pericles, shown from the chest up, wearing a tall, pointed helmet. The background is a dark red, textured surface.

PERICLES

(c. 495-429 BC)

FUTURE AGES WILL
WONDER AT US, AS
THE PRESENT AGE
WONDERS AT US NOW.

THUCYDIDES

Pericles
and
democracy

Pericles and Democracy

- Athens enjoyed its greatest period of wealth under Pericles
- Democracy now a days means the opportunity to elect politicians who share our views and to voice those opinions through the media and at meetings

Pericles and Democracy

- During Pericles time democracy meant a lot more
- Every citizen could speak and vote on every piece of legislation of the assembly and hold public office (with the exception of army general)

Pericles and Democracy

- All law cases were decided by a majority vote of citizen juries between 201 and 1501 people
- The law and the government were firmly in the hands of the citizens

Pericles and Democracy

- Pericles proclaimed “We judge the man who takes no part at all [in public affairs] as useless, not just a quiet person”
- Introduction of pay for serving on the Council of 500, juries, and for various civic offices was now allowed.



vs



SPARTA

Rivalry Between Sparta and Athens

- In 445 BCE Athens and Sparta signed a 30 year peace treaty agreeing to stay out of the others internal affairs
- Sparta lead the Peloponnesian League
Athens lead the Delian League